
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION MEETING

Rule Making Hearing. The Environmental Protection Commission met on September 18, 2017, in Des Moines. The meeting began with a discussion of a Petition for Rule Making from the [Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement](#) (ICCI) and [Food and Water Watch](#). The Petition requests that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) revise the regulations for the master matrix. The [master matrix](#) is the scoring system used to evaluate the siting of permitted confinement feeding operations. Opening comments were received from the Governor's Office, the ICCI, and Senator David Johnson. Other comments included public comment from supporters and nonsupporters. The DNR also gave a brief overview and opinion of the Petition. The Commissioners discussed the Petition and then voted unanimously to not support the Petition for Rule Making.

Budget Approved. The Commission approved the DNR budget request for FY 2019. The following is a summary of the request.

Department of Natural Resources Budget Request for FY 2019 (General Fund and Environment First Fund)			
Appropriation	FY 2018 Appropriation	FY 2019 Budget Request	Difference
General Fund			
Department Operations	\$ 11,299,811	\$ 11,299,811	\$ 0
Floodplain Management	1,885,000	1,885,000	0
Forestry Health Management	500,000	500,000	0
Total General Fund	\$ 13,684,811	\$ 13,684,811	\$ 0
Environment First Fund (EFF)			
Resource Enhancement and Protection	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 16,000,000	\$4,000,000
Air Quality	425,000	425,000	0
Water Quality Monitoring	2,955,000	2,955,000	0
Geographic Information System Data	195,000	195,000	0
Park Operations and Maintenance	6,235,000	6,235,000	0
Water Quantity	495,000	495,000	0
Animal Feeding Operations	1,320,000	1,320,000	0
Water Supply	500,000	500,000	0
Geological and Water Survey	200,000	200,000	0
Total Environment First	\$ 24,325,000	\$ 28,325,000	\$4,000,000
General Fund and EFF Total	\$ 38,009,811	\$ 42,009,811	\$4,000,000

Water Use Fee. The Commission approved the FY 2018 fee for persons using over 25,000 gallons of water in one day. The annual fee for FY 2018 will be \$134. This is an increase of \$68 compared to FY 2017. The fee increase was based on revenue and expenditures for FY 2017, and was approved by the client stakeholder group that meets with the DNR.

Contracts Approved. The Commission approved the following:

- Contract with Pottawattamie County for air quality monitoring. The cost is not to exceed \$38,000.
- Contract with the federal Geological Survey for water quality assessment. The cost is not to exceed \$316,000.
- Contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa for monitoring municipal wells. The contract is not to exceed \$43,000.
- Second quarter intended use plan for the Clean Water Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
- Final notice of administrative rules related to animal feeding operations.
- Referral of Joel Thys to the Attorney General.

Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2017, in Des Moines. For additional information, refer to the DNR [website](#).

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